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Mr. Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Vance:

We would express our thanks to you and to our government for the decisions and the actions made for citizens and in particular for [redacted] after the tragic day in Guyana. E 86

If it is possible to extend our thankful appreciation to those who kept vigil at the Guyana desk and who were unfailingly sympathetic and helpful, we would be grateful. And we thank those whose difficult task it was to return the bodies and make it possible for us to take up our sad part of the burial.

We commend you to the blessing of God, as we have [redacted] in the hope of the resurrection through Christ, our Lord.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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It was on the day of Saint Barbara, December 4, that verification of [redacted] death was received from the Guyana desk of the State Department. St. Barbara's day begins the Christmas celebration in Syria. Her faith and love, her outstanding goodness made her an example to the children. The translation of her story begins, "Barbara, the saint, was elected of God. She gave her bread to the poor..." E B6

The multiplying tragedy of Guyana during the week of Thanksgiving brought us all to the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel for the day concluded this Church Year with the words of our Lord: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison and you came to me ... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

[redacted] E B6

[redacted] Some weeks after her visit at home the first days of July, she worshipped at Calvary Lutheran Church in Georgetown, Guyana. Pastor Samuel Seeram, whose helpfulness has given great comfort, prayed with us via overseas telephone:

✠ Almighty and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee,so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

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[redacted] Her concern for personal activity in bringing help to those in need was also expressed in projects of the People's Temple. She eagerly anticipated an entirely new area of service as she undertook the teaching of children in the agricultural mission in Guyana. Her letters have indicated only that she found joy and fulfillment in her life and work there.

✝ Happy are they who consider the poor and needy!
The Lord will deliver them in time of trouble.
He does not hand them over to the will of
their enemies. (Psalm 41)

The Lord has given and the Lord has received.

For all whose care and love has sustained us, phrases from Christina Rossetti:

✝ O Lord Jesus, who knowest them that are thine,
When thou rewardest thy servants the prophets,
remember, we beseech thee, for good those
who have taught us, counseled us, guided us,
and in that day show them mercy:
Nor forget any, nor forget us,
but in that day show us mercy,
O Lord, thou lover of souls.

The closing bid of the Christmas Carol Service, King's College, Cambridge:
"Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which none can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

✝ "The Almighty God bless us with his grace;
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life;
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above
may the King of Angels bring us all!"

✝

✠ Memorial Service, December 9, at four o'clock.

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Hymn 34, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"
(The congregation rises and faces the crucifix)
Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...
People: Thanks be to God.
The Collect
The Old Testament Lesson: Job 19:23-27
Choir: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
The Epistle: Romans 8:31-39
Choir: "Now Let All The Heavens Adore You" J.S. Bach
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30
Choir: "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz
The Sermon
Hymn 36, "On Jordan's Bank"
The Creed, page 209
The Prayers
The Peace
The Holy Communion, beginning on page 68
Hymn 174, "For All The Saints"
The Canticle, "Lord Now You Let Your Servant Go" p. 73
The Commendation
The Benediction
Hymn 325, "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

Those who who would may greet the family at the front of the nave after the recession.

Memorials may be given to Bread For The World.

Ministers: [redacted] E 136

Choir:

Organist
Trumpete

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